

1894-99. Large Roman Surcharges.The History of the Issue (Cont'd.)

easily be proved by the existence of certain very characteristic malformations of some of the Siamese characters, which occur in the same part of the setting in each case.

The stamp printed from this phase of the Setting was the 1 Att, Setting C, and it was delivered to the Post-Office on August 26th, 1894.

1 Att, Setting C.



Number printed 80,040 (667 Sheets).

The most easily distinguished characteristic differentiating Setting C. from the preceding settings of the 1 Att lies in the very thin ink used, and the consequent delicacy and freedom from blurring of the lines of the characters.

It was not till 1899 (four and a half years later) that the Large Roman General-Setting was again employed for surcharging, but then it reappeared apparently undamaged, but restored to its original size of the complete sheet by the addition of a new Right-hand half in somewhat different type. The remnant of the old setting thus forms the left-hand half of the new, and the characteristic malformations referred to above are now situated six vertical rows to the right of their original positions.

In this condition two values were made from the Setting, 1 Att, this time surcharged on the 12 Atts stamp, and 2 Atts, surcharged as always on the 6 1/4 Atts. Two deliveries of each value are recorded in the Official Records, but up to the present no differences have been discovered between them.

The first delivery of these Surcharges to the Post-Office took place